



Section 4

Sec 254. (a) IN GENERAL - The State plan shall contain a description of each of the following:

(4) How the State will adopt voting system guidelines and processes which are consistent with the requirements of section 301.

Recommended Language

- The secretary of state will adopt voting systems guidelines and processes consistent with the Voting Systems Standards identified in section 301.
- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-446, specifications for electronic voting systems shall provide for voting secrecy, prevention of over votes, prevent duplicate voting, and count accurately every vote cast.
- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-442, the secretary of state shall appoint a three member committee to investigate and test electronic voting equipment and tabulating devices and shall recommend final adoption of approved systems. The committee appointed by the secretary of state will review standards set by the Standards Board and make recommendations to the secretary of state based on tabulating systems meeting the standards and standards set by the Federal Election Commission.
 - Part of Senate Bill 1145 (the Help America Vote Act of 2002 bill) sponsored by Senator Marilyn Jarrett addresses the secretary of state's three member committee and the specific requirement for certifying voting systems according to the federal voting system guidelines.
- The committee will also review and decertify systems that no longer meet the Voting Systems Standards. All approved electronic voting systems and tabulating devices will carry required ITA and NASED certification.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-452, the secretary of state defines what constitutes a vote and a voting system through the state procedures manual for voting processes and equipment.

- Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-449, the secretary of state shall perform logic and accuracy tests before state and federal elections and will have the automatic tabulating equipment and programs tested to ensure correct vote count cast for all offices.